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1. ALTHOUGH WE KNOW GOL HAS BEEN DISCUSSING ARMS REQUIREMENTS WITH IRAN AND A NUMBER OF ARAB STATES, WE WERE NOT AWARE OF RESULTS OF LEBANESE MINISTER DEFENSE SKAFF'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRINCE SULTAN. LEBANON COULD CERTAINLY USE SAUDI FUNDS TO BOLSTER DEFENSE POSTURE BUT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT PROBLEM, AS FAR AS USG CONCERNED, IS ONE OF SUPPLY AND DELIVERY DATES. WE BELIEVE LEBANESE CAPABLE DEFINING THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS AND DO IN FACT HAVE PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR ARMED FORCES.

2. WE BELIEVE LEBANESE, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, WOULD BE RELUCTANT HAVE US MILITARY MISSION COME TO LEBANON TO MAKE SURVEY AT THIS TIME EVEN IF IT WERE DONE JOINTLY WITH SAUDIS. WE DON'T THINK SURVEY NECESSARY ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY QUESTION OF SAUDI MISSION COMING TO LEBANON MATTER FOR LEBANESE AND SAUDIS TO DECIDE. USG-SAUDI COORDINATION COULD BE DONE EITHER WITH OUR MILITARY ATTACHE OFFICE IN BEIRUT OR WITH US MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

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